

# Wounaan language

The **Wounaan** language, also known as **Noanamá** and **Woun Meu**, is a **Chocoan** language, with around 10,000 speakers on the border between Panama and Colombia.

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Wounaan	
Noanamá	
<i>Woun Meu</i>	
<b>Native to</b>	Panama
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Embera-Wounaan
<b>Native speakers</b>	10,800 <span> </span> (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Chocoan <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Wounaan</b></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	noa
<b>Glottolog</b>	woun1238 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/woun1238">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/woun1238</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Phonology

The following tables show the vowel and consonant sounds of Wounann, transcribed using the International Phonetic Alphabet.

### Vowels

	Front	Back	
		unrounded	rounded
<u>Close</u>	i	ɯ	u
<u>Close-mid</u>	e	ɤ	o
<u>Open</u>	a		

All vowels have nasalized counterparts.<sup>[3]</sup>

### Consonants

		Bilabial		Alveolar		Palatal	Velar		Glottal
		plain	aspirated	plain	aspirated		plain	aspirated	
<b>Stop</b>	voiceless	p	p <sup>h</sup>	t	t <sup>h</sup>		k	k <sup>h</sup>	ʔ
	voiced	b		d			g		
<b>Fricative</b>				s		ç			h
<b>Nasal</b>		m		n					
<b>Approximant</b>						j	w		
<b>Trill</b>				r					
<b>Flap</b>				ɾ					

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